

15th September 2023



Our new Pupil Voice groups!!!

Congratulations to all of the children who have been nominated for, voted in or who have been successful at interview for these very important roles in school. I am certain they will be wonderful ambassadors for the school!

Head Girl		Head Boy		Mrs Cuthbert's PA		Mrs Meakins' PA	
Nia		Winston		Autumn		Marley	
Office Team		Worship Team		Events Team	Librarians (Y5)	Active Travel (Y5)	
*Kareem Vanessa Melisa Lekan Ugo Insha Leana	Nuoyi Yalda Dave O Yusuf Queenie Ruth Niffy	Luna David O Marley Lekan Leana	Amna Yalda Dani Winston Melisa Lekan	David A Manha Kim Fatima Rocco	To be decided		
	School Council	Eco Committee	Criw Cymraeg	Tech Gang	Young Interpreters		
Year 2	Sarah Bea	Aaisha Manny	Brisborn Joanne	Jethro Michael	Imran Rivi		
Year 3	Lois Zahria	Ioan Simi	Hana Juri	IT David	Samir Etse		
Year 4	Zaynab Max	Ralph Caisy	David A-T Alex	Daniel A David A	Alessandro Afrac		
Year 5	Jonas Fatima	Manan Armin	Nuriel Daniel A	Sofia Manha	Nene Lewis		
Year 6	Leana Marley	Autumn Niffy	Autumn	Ruth Insha	Insha Queenie		

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

We have now started to look at the clubs we are able to offer children at lunchtime and after school. Lunchtime clubs will be available for all children in Steps 2 and 3. Class teachers will hold the lists for each club and they offer a really lovely range of activities for children to do once they finish eating.

Any clubs after school will be for children in **Step 3 only this term**. Other siblings cannot sit and watch as we are keeping to a strict staff:pupil ratio, each club will have a maximum of 20 children to ensure everyone can enjoy their time (children and staff!). **All clubs after school finish at 4.20pm**. We do have difficulties from time to time with people picking children up late. If parents pick their child up late (more than twice), their child's place in the club will stop and will be offered to someone on the waiting list. To book a place in any after school club please click on the links in the table. **Clubs start on Monday 18th – Mrs Cuthbert will email on Sunday night if your child has a place!**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Step 2 Lunch	Boromi/ Board Games Mrs Roberts & Mrs Meakins	Art/Craft Mrs Roberts	Choir Mrs Azad & Mrs Meakins	Lego Miss Hampson	Just Dance Mrs Roberts
Step 3 Lunch	Choir Miss Downs & Mrs Meakins	Craft Club Mrs Roberts	No club as children are changing for PE	BSL Cafe Miss Driscoll & Mrs O’Gorman	Crochet/ Craft Miss Downs & Mrs Irwin
After School Step 3 only this term	Sports Club Mr Spencer	Film Club Mrs Cuthbert	Chess Mr Wycherley	Coding Club Mr Thomas	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Booking Links	https://forms.gle/YK6qH2xdxc7D4aWu5	https://forms.gle/ggQEomvRXLy7nVhA6	https://forms.gle/xQzQC3nQi5YYWBcFA	https://forms.gle/P5yrBRRNiPnBjs3y8	

Flu Vaccines

The **last date for submission of the form is the 21/09/2023** (10:00am). If you submit a consent form after this date you will be invited to make an appointment at one of our community catch-up clinics.

Please follow the link for the e-consent. It is important to fill in this form even if you don't want your child to have a vaccination – you need to say either yes or no.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gZB4DgXvuq>



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Caerdydd a'r Fro
Cardiff and Vale
University Health Board



Nursio Ysgol | School Nursing
BIP Caerdydd a'r Fro | Cardiff & Vale UHB

High School Admissions for Year 6

Each of the high schools in Cardiff have now started to let parents know about their open evenings as you prepare to decide which schools you would like to apply for. We email these out to all parents in Year 6 as we get them. The school admissions portal opens at the end of September and closes towards the end of November.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/Applying-for-a-school-place/Secondary-school/Pages/default.aspx> As the dates become available I will let you know.

You should apply for at least 5 schools. If you would like to discuss school options please come and see me (Mrs Cuthbert).





Less than a week to go! 🚗

Remember, starting from 17th September, most 30mph limits will be **changing to 20mph** in Wales. Here's why **driving at 20mph** is more than just a speed limit change...

Driving at the new 20mph speed limit will bring:

Fewer collisions and serious injuries


 More people walking and cycling

 Improved health and well-being

But how do you spot a 20mph road?

Keep an eye out for these:

 Frequent streetlights every 200 yards

 Located in a residential or built-up area

If you see these, assume it's 20mph unless you spot a different sign.

 **More info:** www.gov.wales/readyfor20

 **Any questions? Visit:** [frequently asked questions](#)



See streetlights, think 20.

Across Wales, from 17th September, if you see streetlights close together you're probably on a 20mph road.

#ReadyFor20mph



Everyone is welcome including children, there is no special dress code. Let the mosque know you are coming via the registration link below:

MCB MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN
Muslim Council of Wales



DAR UL-ISRA
Muslim Educational & Welfare Centre

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Visit My Mosque

Scan to register



Open Day

Join us for an interactive day with

Everyone welcome!

Friends, Families and children

- Mosque Tours
- Learn about Islam
- Observe Prayers
- Q&A stall
- Henna, Face Paining and Calligraphy
- Children's Play area
- Refreshments and more...

Date: Saturday 23rd September

Time: 11am - 4pm

Drop in anytime

Address:

**Darul Isra Mosque
21-23 Wyeverne Rd
Cathays, CF24 4BG**

 @cardiffmuslims

 interfaith@darulisra.org.uk

<https://forms.gle/4RoZmYi81tQsMme8A>

Tesco In-Store Vote Update!

We are delighted say that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts as been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will start in store from the **first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.**



St. Monica's CIW Primary School - Fresh Fruit for All

To offer fresh fruit to every pupil in the morning, without exception. Giving parents the reassurance that their child's nutritional needs are addressed during their school day.

What happens next, where can I vote for St Monica's?

Tescos - closest to school	Tesco Stores in Cardiff
Cathays Terrace CF24 4HZ	Cregiau CF15 9NL
North Rd CF14 3BH	Canton CF11 9AN
Cardiff Extra – Western Avenue CF14 3AT	Whitchurch CF14 7BQ
http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk	Cardiff Central Sq CF10 1FS
	Mermaid Quay Card CF10 5BZ
	Tyn Y Parc Cardff CF14 6BN
	Corporation Rd CF11 7AT
	Culverhouse Cross CF5 6XQ
	Canton Express CF5 1JG
	Maes Y Coed Road CF14 4TT
	Ely CF5 5TD

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Additional information

Please note the below advice in terms of do's and don'ts before and during the voting period:

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token for a project in the current voting round
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote
- Encourage the local community and your supporters to get involved with Community Grants voting

Don't:

- Tamper with the voting unit (otherwise your project may be void from the vote)
- Influence customers casting their vote at the voting unit
- Take more than one token from the self-serve checkouts
- Promote your project in store without permission from the Store Manager
- Collect Community Grants tokens from stores that are not within your region to vote for your project

Please note, if we do not adhere to this guidance, this may affect our grant award.

Booking Lunches



Please could parents book lunch for their child the day before they need it – it takes up a huge amount of time each day for teachers to ask each child what they would like. Parents are able to book lunches and make menu choices a week in advance. Please do this using Parent Pay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



As more children are now able to have universal free school meals (every child from Reception, Years 1,2 and 3) it is becoming more and more difficult to check every child's bag to see if they have food with them or not.

If we think your child does not have lunch with them will try to contact you, however, if your child says they are having a school lunch we believe them and book a meal on their behalf.

We hate to see children go hungry and our school cook needs to know in advance, cooking meals for almost 100 children every day is quite some task for only 2 people in our tiny kitchen.

Booking your child's meal is essential!

Cardiff Half Marathon

This year's 20th Anniversary of the Cardiff Half Marathon will be featuring a series of Junior Races on Saturday 30th September. These will include:

- **Family Fun Run** – A 1-mile run designed for all the family, with no pressure on finishing times. Suitable for all primary school ages.
- **Future Challengers** – A competitive race for young and eager runners at junior level. Suitable for ages 8-17.
- **Toddler Dash** – A 50m dash aimed at children aged 3 and under.

Spaces are still available but will be expected to sell out before the closing date on the 24th of September. You can register via the following link: [2023 Principality Cardiff Half Junior \(active.com\)](https://www.principalitycardiffhalfmarathon.co.uk/active.com)

Even if you're not looking to take part, the event village will still feature a variety of food stalls and entertainment (such as storytelling, sports activities, and live music provided by Menter Caerdydd) throughout the weekend.

<https://www.cardiffhalfmarathon.co.uk/take-part/cardiff-half-junior/>

Snack Money

We provide a daily fruit snack for each child in the school for **£1 per week**, this is subsidised by the school. Please can any payments be made via Parent Pay. Payment can be made either weekly or half termly and a reminder text goes to all parents each week – if you have already paid please do not be offended. If you do not wish for your child to have a fruit snack please let us know.

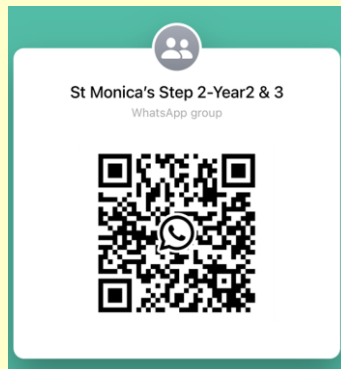


Helping Hands



All minutes of meetings are available on the school website or following [THIS LINK](#)

New parent WhatsApp groups have been set up, one for each Step in readiness for September... THANK YOU to the parents who have agreed to be group admins for these groups, please join them to be able to keep informed and help answer any questions you may have – there is no such thing as a daft question on these WhatsApp groups – we've all been there with last minute queries that need an urgent answer!



Tea & Tissues and other Parent Events

Our next 2 events are for all parents, as we welcome any new families we have to St Monica's. Please join us for a tea/coffee and some delicious biscuits at The Table straight after you have dropped off your child/ren at school. We wait outside school and walk together to The Table which is on Pentyrch Street. The event on the 13th was very well attended and it was so good to see so many families making links with each other – no tissues were needed, everyone was very happy!

Wednesday 20th September 9am Tea and Tissues at The Table

Wednesday 27th September 3.30 – 4.30 Step Curriculum Talks

Friday 29th September 9am Helping Hands (our special version of a PTA) at The Table

Fundraising Bake Sales

As part of our drive to help raise money for the school, we will be holding 2 more bake sales. The next bake sale will be run by the children and parents from Step 2.

Please could any **Step 2 cake/cookie donations come into school on the morning of Friday 22nd September**. They will then be sold on the playground at the end of the day.

The Step 3 Bake Sale this afternoon raise a whopping £112.50 – the cakes were so delicious the builders have asked if Step 2 can do a special preview next week for them before they go home!!!

School Essentials Grant

Children whose families are on lower incomes and **qualify for certain benefits** can apply for a grant of:

- £125 per learner
- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school)

All compulsory school years from reception to year 11 are now eligible.

All looked after children qualify for the grant, whether they receive free school meals or not. Learners who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify.

Families are only entitled to claim once per child, per school year.

The 2023 to 2024 scheme is now open and will close on 31 May 2024.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Financial-support/School-Essentials-Grant/Pages/default.aspx>

LONGTOWN RESIDENTIAL TRIP

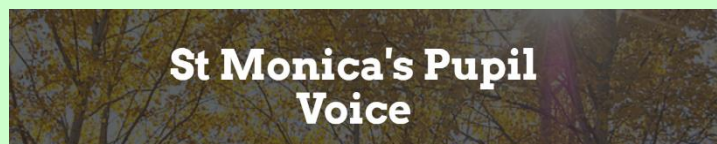
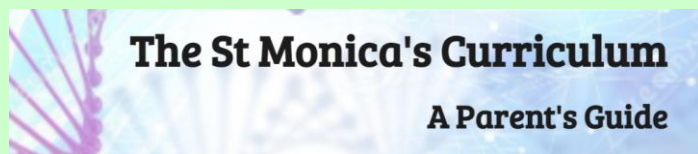
This trip is for children who are currently in Years 3, 4 and 5. Information is on Parent Pay about this important school trip/life event which will be taking place in February 2024. The school website has pictures from previous trips, if you would like your child to go on the trip, please **pay the deposit of £20**. A meeting for parents will be on **Tuesday 19th September at 5pm**.

<https://longtownoutdoorlearning.co.uk/>



There is an important meeting for all parents on **Wednesday 27th September 3.30 – 4.30 to discuss the curriculum in each Step. Each teacher will discuss the learning context they are starting with this term and how they then develop the curriculum with children. Please make every effort to attend if you can.**

Weblinks to important parts of the school website – click on the pictures



Contact details for staff

We MUCH prefer a face-to-face chat rather than an email, however, we know that for some parents, getting hold of us at the right time can be tricky.

For questions about Parent Pay or music lessons contact Mrs Fedorova:

Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk

To make an appointment to speak directly with (or see) the Head Teacher contact Miss Williams:

Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk

To email the Head Teacher: Mrs Cuthbert

To email the Deputy Head Teacher: mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Miss Hampson: misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 3 Mr Thomas: mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Mrs Irwin: mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk

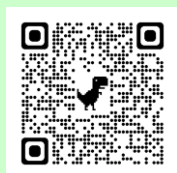
We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp group for their child's year group really helpful too.

Links to the School Website – for up to date information about what your child is learning in school, PE days and ANY homework they may have

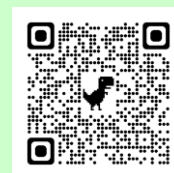
Step 1 Web Pages



Step 2 Web Pages



Step 3 Web Pages



Dates for your diary

Children have missed so much face-to-face teaching time already due to the pandemic and no one is sure of what may happen regarding future lockdowns or strike action. I will not authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday 18 th Sept	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Thursday 21 st Sept	Friday 22 nd Sept
New Reception Gp 2 9.30-2.15	5pm Longtown meeting for parents	9.15 Tea and Tissues – new parents and Helping Hands at The Table 10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship	4pm Full Governing Body meeting	Nasal Flu Immunisations – whole school 11.40 C Merriott from Cathays High to see Y6 3.10pm Step 2 Bake Sale

Monday 25 th Sept	Tuesday 26 th Sept	Wednesday 27 th Sept	Thursday 28 th Sept	Friday 29 th Sept
	10.35 Becky Harris for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 3.30 – 4.30 Step Curriculum Talks		9am Helping Hands at The Table 3.10pm Step 1 Bake Sale
Monday 2 nd Oct	Tuesday 3 rd Oct	Wednesday 4 th Oct	Thursday 5 th Oct	Friday 6 th Oct
Parent Consultations Day		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship – Harvest Collection for Food Bank	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist to take Harvest offerings to St Michael's Church	INSET DAY – No school for children
Monday 9 th Oct	Tuesday 10 th Oct	Wednesday 11 th Oct	Thursday 12 th Oct	Friday 13 th Oct
	10.35 Mr Akrill for worship		4pm Finance, Premises and H&S GB meeting	
Monday 16 th Oct	Tuesday 17 th Oct	Wednesday 18 th Oct	Thursday 19 th Oct	Friday 20 th Oct
Colorfoto – individual and family portraits Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming
Monday 23 rd Oct	Tuesday 24 th Oct	Wednesday 25 th Oct	Thursday 26 th Oct	Friday 27 th Oct
Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming	11am Vision & Values GB meeting Y6 swimming 4pm Standards GB meeting	9am Helping Hands at The Table Y6 swimming
Half Term Break – no school for 1 week				

Music Tuition

If your child would like music lessons this year please take a look at the 2 different providers we use – both Glamorgan Music School and Cardiff and Vale Music Education have very skilled music tutors who can do individual and group lessons for a really wide range of instruments. They can even help you get a loan instrument, often free or for very little charge! Each picture has a link to their brochure or website.



A wide range of instruments available to learn! Please email for more information.

Lesson Type	£ per term	£ per half term
Group	57.00	28.50
Paired 20 mins	74.00	37.00
Individual 15 mins	110.00	55.00
Individual 30 mins	218.00	109.00

Free instrument loan available. Monthly payment plans available.

www.glamorgan-music-school.co.uk
glamorganmusicschool@gmail.com

The School Street at St Monicas CIW Primary School

St Monicas CIW Primary School is an Active Travel School and has a School Street.

A School Street is a street near a school where traffic is restricted at the beginning and end of the school day. The times that Cwmdare and Pentyrch Street will be a School Street is from **8:30am to 9:30am** and **3pm to 4pm**. School Streets are operational Monday to Friday, term time only. Only vehicles with valid School Street permits, such as residents and blue badge holders, will be allowed to drive down the street.



Gladstone Primary and St Monica's Church In Wales Primary

Mae'r Stryd Ysgol hon yn gweithredu o 8.30am tan 9.30am a 3pm tan 4pm a ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener. Gellir gweld dyddiadau'r tymor yn www.cardiff.gov.uk

This School Street operates during term time on weekdays between **8.30am to 9.30am** and **3pm to 4pm**. Term time dates can be viewed at www.cardiff.gov.uk



Bydd hawl gan ddeiliaid trwydded 553 yrru ar y Stryd Ysgol hon
553 Permit Holders will be permitted to drive within this School Street

We encourage families, staff and visitors to travel to us as actively as possible. Not only is this safer and healthier for our pupils, this forms part of Cardiff Council's vision to change the way people travel around the city and make changes to respond to the climate emergency, for clean air and to create safe and healthy communities.

This means that we ask you to walk, cycle or scoot to us if you possibly can, or use public transport to get to us. We try to limit cars to our school, if you feel you have to travel by car then please park 10 minutes away and walk the last leg of your journey to school. This ensures all of our pupils are safe.



Ysgol Teithio Llesol

Active Travel School